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1. At the Deputies' Meeting the Director said that on his recent trip to [redacted] he was doing business in [redacted]



2. The Director said that Philip Graham, President and Publisher of The Washington Post and Times Herald, had raised with him the question as to why CIA did not participate in the Rockefeller Public Service Awards. I told him that we had two candidates under consideration at the moment. He also said that Mr. Graham mentioned the Eugene Meyer Scholarships and asked me to draft an appropriate letter for his signature to him on these two subjects. I have asked [redacted] to get me the information on the Eugene Meyer Scholarships after which I will prepare the letter.

3. On [redacted]'s recommendation I approved of the employment of twenty-eight contract people [redacted] for a period of about nine months to undertake certain construction under the supervision of our [redacted] maintenance force.

4. Jim Garrison, [redacted] were up to brief me on a proposed Notice concerning contract and precontract negotiations. This grew out of a recent flap with a company in Pennsylvania after which General Cabell directed that all contracts, classified or unclassified, contain an antipublicity clause. We do not believe that this is desirable and have an alternate proposal to submit to General Cabell. However, a more important potential risk is the fact that personnel from the Office of Communications, Office of Scientific Intelligence, and the Technical Services Staff contact and communicate with industry without the knowledge of the Office of Logistics on many occasions so that the Agency is pretty well committed before the Contracting Officer gets into the act. It was agreed that we would propose a new Regulation which would tighten up this situation and make it mandatory that no precontract negotiations would take place without the knowledge of the Procurement Division, Office of Logistics.

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